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"Comment Letter – proposed Water Recycling Policy."

As a consultant involved in the planning and design of water recycling projects in the north San Francisco Bay area we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the SWRCB proposed Water Recycling Policy.

We have designed several projects which utilize treated effluent from municipal wastewater treatment plants to create managed wetlands. These projects have been highly successful in terms of enhancing the environment. California is part of the Pacific Flyway and any wetlands are important for migratory waterfowl and shorebirds during the winter months. During droughts the availability of wetlands in the State is particularly important. Recycled water can be used to augment and keep wetlands alive during these stressful periods.

One of the focuses of the proposed Water Recycling Policy is the use of recycled water for urban and agricultural irrigation. These uses primarily occur during the summer irrigation season so this same water would be available for use in a managed wetlands the remainder of the year.

We would like to see the Water Recycling Policy mention the beneficial use of recycled water to create managed wetlands, particularly in the non-irrigation season. Some suggested wording changes are given below.

- Recital 2 – Add to the list of uses of recycled water *"the creation of managed wetlands for the purpose of enhancing beneficial uses"*.
- Resolution Item 5 – Add to the definition of the purpose of this Policy after to meet water supply needs *"and to provide a source of fresh water to enhance beneficial uses"*.

We appreciate your consideration of our comments.

Very truly yours,

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